Palouse Falls, Lyons Ferry, Lewis and Clark Trail Public Meeting Comments Washtucna 11/5/18

Lyons Ferry

Recreational

- Camp Sites <u>yes</u> open at Lyon's Ferry. Palouse Falls day use only. Too many people in each others "hair"...
- Bring back camping. Most spots between "primitive tent sites" and "full hook up" quality. Compete with KOA.
- Must do CAMPING
- Equestrian use day and camping with hitch rails, corrals and/or highlines.
- I am thinking that with a discovery pass you can gain entrance to all state parks. It would be a better use of resources, to encourage, with website info and signage, people who want to extend their stay of Palouse Falls to camp at Lyons Ferry. This would also increase the use of Lyon's Ferry. Water should be less an issue at Lyon's Ferry.
- Concession Vendor that rents out Kayaks, etc.
- Lyons Ferry full RV hookups
- Put camping @ Lyons Ferry and only day use @ Palouse Falls.
- Bring back camping! Doesn't need to be hook ups.
- Trail between Lyons Ferry and Palouse Falls.
- 10 hook up sites at least
- Must have camping for people to want to visit park side.
- Lyons Ferry needs campgrounds with access of bigger RV and also a nice connection to HW 261.

Natural

• Possible develop places along the trails that have trail designation. Keep on the trail. Don't damage natural vegetation.

Cultural

- Lyons Ferry historical Please get ferry out of the water!! It is disintegrating. It needs to be preserved!!
- Provide interpretive signage not only on Lewis & Clark but other explores who passed here who were of national significance Jedediah Smith, Nathanial Wyeth, Isaac Stevens, and many more.
- Include Snake River Palouse tribal perspectives on cultural history (e.g. Carrie Jim Schuster family) as well as Umatilla, Nez Perce, and others.
- Preserve ferry.

- Marmes Site with Ranger Toms to visit it throughout Summer. Have Tribal People tell <u>their stories</u> of their "Home" that they were removed from. Show Diorama's or visuals of the Indian lands lay out <u>before</u> the white man took it away from them.
- Are there plans to showcase (repair, restore) the ferry?

Other

- Signage that states visit Washtucna the gateway to Palouse Falls.
- The road off of HW 261 to the Falls. Should be owned by the State. State owned road to the park. Widen, level, straighten and pave the road.
- No bikes
- Safety Issues. Rangers should help with fire control and other safety issues. Rangers should be more in touch.
- <u>Better road</u> (especially difficult for motorcyclists) should be developed.

Palouse Falls

Recreational

- Will you have guided tours?
- Move camping to Lyons Ferry.
- Day use only camp at Lyons.
- Day use only. Move camping to Lyons.
- Cell tower? Cut down on emergency response time.

Natural

- No more camping at the Falls. Camp at Lyons Ferry (more snakes).
- Block sensitive areas from trails.
- Photography From a photographer's perspective:
 - 1. Any fencing made of natural materials
 - 2. Protect access to iconic photo sites
 - 3. Signage-appropriately placed, away from iconic + interesting lines of view for photos.
 - 4. Restrooms housed in "minimizing" and aesthetically appropriate.
- Photography Maintain access to the bowl.
- Formalize trails and "landscape" to discourage social trailing.
 - o "Concur!"
- Developing designated trails to get to upper falls.
- People want to get to the water, is there a way to the upper falls that is legal and safer.

- Equestrian use day and camping with corrals and Highline's hitching rails.
- Keep the day use and tent overnight stay. It seems that also needs restrooms.
- Falls Can there be 'guided' tours to 'control' the demolition of the trails and public mis-steps to places they should not be.
- Have some procedures for handling tour busses.
- Make Palouse Falls day use only.
- The campground at Palouse Falls seems out-of-place. I think a day use park makes sense. Especially if there is camping at Lyons Ferry.

Cultural

- Interpretive Center
- Interpretive Center with Palouse Indians Ice Age Floods
- Interpretive areas of the scabland areas.
- Provide information on some of the world class artists who traveled to Palouse Falls in the 1800s to paint the landscape John Alden, Gustavus Sohon, Paul Kane, John Mix Stanley and others.

Other

- Need road improvements, more parking, access for busses and RVs.
- 190,000 visitors justifies some kind of interpretive museum with state and county support.
- See if the state can take over the county road in hopes that it can be kept in better shape.
- Restrooms instead of sani-cans.
- 2 votes Staff increase for tours guided.
- How can we collaborate with the Rangers and the Washtucna Museum to have people stop at the museum in Washtucna? Open Sat. 1-5 p.m! Will be open more when volunteers.
- Safety. 190,000 visitors and about 40 local <u>volunteer</u> fire dept. members...need to address state or park supported EMT/fire response.
- I run a B&B and some of my guest have talked about people staying there late and what they think were using drugs. Do you have a ranger on site? How do you deal with this?
- There is plenty of money for <u>all</u> improvements if Commission gets over its love affair of bicycles and trails that see a fraction of the use their park gets.
- So I don't know if you relieve but the Palouse scenic by way sign starts way up when you cross the river into Whitman county but we are a part of that. And is magazines the adds talk about getting to the falls by going to Dusty. It's so misleading. So why don't we have any signage out on the 26!? Some people from Seattle don't even where to turn to come to the fall.
- Visit Washtucna Collaboration
- When I've been out there parking is minimal. Will the parking lot expand?
- Fence areas around top area around falls.

- Better Signage in Adams Co. Hwy 26 (? Coordinate with Hwy Dept.?)
- Provide signage for camping at Lyons Ferry at the falls area.
- If fences are put up, make sure there are plenty of camera opening in them for photos.

Lewis and Clark Trail

Recreational

- Day use would fixing the damaged culvert prevent the day-use side flooding?
- Equestrian use day only at this time. Hitch rails/picnic tables.
- Hook up camp sites.
- Columbia Plateau Trail better footing for equestrian or side trails next to main.
- Some redesign to have some camping and some day use by river.
- Columbia Plateau Trail The undeveloped part i.e. Benge WA. We've had travelers camping on church lawn when will trail head <u>be opened</u> @ edge of town? We traded land to make a location possible
- Columbia Plateau Equestrians would love to <u>camp</u> and ride there.